



Results of Task Force Member Homework on Concerns and Underlying Causes

Everett City Streets Initiative
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Concerns: Most Frequently Mentioned Issues

- Increasing homeless/ mentally ill/ addicted/ other/ street population
- Public safety concerns and crime
- Inadequate services to help the homeless/ street population
- Inadequate shelter/housing for the homeless
- Larger community issues—knowledge, coordination



Underlying Causes: Most Frequently Mentioned

- Population challenges: mental health, addiction, no family connections, etc.
- Lack of affordable housing and shelter
- Lack of services: mental health, addiction, training, crisis intervention
- Lack of public understanding
- Lack of pro-active coordination, communication between City and providers
- Policing resources, jail issues



In sum...

- Lots of commonality in terms of identified concerns and underlying causes
- Different perspectives
- Several concerns are also underlying causes
- Knowledge gaps, coordination gaps
- Resource challenges
- Lots of ideas about ways to improve the situation